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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: TARIFF QUOTAS ON
IMPORT OF ORANGE JUICE

REF : A. CANBERRA 4415 B. TOFAS 155

1. MINISTERS FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED JULY 27 THAT TARIFF QUOTAS WILL APPLY TO
IMPORT OF ORANGE JUICE FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 1976 TO JUNE 30,
1977.

2. IMPORTS DURING THIS PERIOD WILL BE RESTRICTED TO 28.3
MILLION LITERS OF SINGLE STRENGTH ORANGE JUICE (IMPORTS
DURING PERIOD JULY 1, 1975-JUN 30, 1976 ARE ESTIMATED AT
31 MILLION LITERS). IMPORTS IN EXCESS OF THIS AMOUNT WILL
BE SUBJECT TO A TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTY OF 12 CENTS PER
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LITER ON A SINGLE STRENGTH BASIS (CURRENT RATE OF DUTY IS

4.1 CENTS PER LITER). THESE RESTRICTIONS WILL NOT APPLY TO IMPORTS FROM NEW ZEALAND. ORANGE JUICE IS NOT GATT-BOUND ITEM.

3. QUOTAS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO IMPORTERS ON THE BASIS OF INDIVIDUAL IMPORT CLEARANCES IN THE THREE YEAR PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1973 TO JUNE 30, 1976. THERE WILL BE A SINGLE ALLOCATION OF THE ANNUAL QUOTA ENTITLEMENTS. GOODS IN BOND OR IN TRANSIT ON JULY 27 WILL BE ALLOWED ENTRY AT EXISTING RATES IF ENTERED WITHIN TWENTY-ONE DAYS OF THAT DATE BUT QUANTITIES ENTERED WILL BE DEBITED AGAINST QUOTA ALLOTMENT FOR 1976-77.

4. IN THE PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING THE TARIFF QUOTAS, THE MINISTERS STATED THAT THIS ACTION WAS INTENDED TO GIVE THE LOCAL INDUSTRY TIME TO RESOLVE ITS PRESENT PROBLEM OF OVER SUPPLY AND THAT THE QUOTA OF 28.3 MILLION LITERS WAS EQUIVALENT TO THE PROJECTED SHORTFALL ON THE AUSTRALIAN MARKET OF 42,000 TONNES OF FRESH FRUIT PLUS STOCKS IN BOND ON JUNE 30, 1976. A REFERENCE HAS BEEN SENT TO THE INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION REGARDING LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE TO THE CITRUS INDUSTRY. THE IAC HAS BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE AN INTERIM REPORT BY THE END OF FEBRUARY 1977 ON THE QUESTION OF EXTENSION OF TARIFF QUOTAS TO APPLY AFTER JUNE 1977.

5. COPIES OF THE TAA REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN AVAILABLE. PERCIVAL

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